**STATE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 10, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

Present: Commissioners Elkins, Harpe, Kaza, Murdaugh, and Seemans

Meeting commenced at 6:16 p.m.

      Homeless persons’ rights

o   Discussed whether this issue is within the Commission’s mandate

o   The Committee would like some more materials on how the issue is within the Commission’s mandate

o   Would like to run this past Commission Deputy Attorney General

      Service dogs

o   Committee is interested in whether this is a problem in Delaware

      Solitary confinement

o   Discussed whether this issue is within the Commission’s mandate

o   Discussed whether prison is a place of public accommodation

o   Will follow up with Commission Deputy Attorney General

      Death penalty repeal legislation

o   Delaware Repeal Project Coalition Partner: Four Commissioners were present for vote: Elkins, Kaza, Murdaugh, and Seemans (Harpe had not arrived yet)

o   Four present commissioners voted yes to submitting the issue for a vote to the full Commission

      Absences: General discussion

      Subcommittees: Purposes / Strategies: Passed

      Definition of discrimination

o   Issue discussed of whether Asian and Middle Eastern individuals are covered by the definition of race or national origin

o   Issue discussed of whether more outreach should be done with Asian and Middle Eastern individuals

o   Discussed whether discrimination covers implicit discrimination

o   Will review statutory language at next meeting

      Police brutality: General discussion

      New business: None

      Other business as needed

o   What legislative actions will be taken next General Assembly

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Next Steps:

      Cmmr Seemans will request more information on how homeless persons’ rights fight within mandate

      Cmmr Seemans will find out whether service dogs in training are being denied access to places of public accommodation

      Cmmr Seemans will ask DAGs if prisons are places of public accommodation

      Cmmr Kaza will reach out to the Community Response Committee about the issue of outreach to Asian and Middle Eastern communities